

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 and 21 are pending in this application. Claim 20 is cancelled by the present response with prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-19 and 21 were allowed; and Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Initially, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in Claims 1-19 and 21. Accordingly, Applicants have cancelled Claim 20 in order to enable the allowable claims to pass to issue.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-19 and 21 is earnestly solicited.

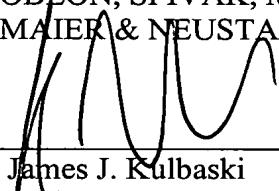
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